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TOP OF THE NEWS

Team Russia was banned, but Russian athletes still formed a hockey team. NHL players are out of the Olympics, and there were no miracles, but it was still USA vs. Russia in men's hockey Saturday morning. In a game that included several fights, the more talented Russians outclassed the scrappy U.S. team 4-0 in what remains a rivalry. **SPORTS**

TALKER OF THE DAY

NBC didn't account for this miracle on Friday. In its prime-time broadcast, NBC declared Anna Veith of Austria the gold medal winner in skiing's super-G. Except Ester Ledecka of the Czech Republic hadn't taken her final run. The little-known Ledecka, whose better event is snowboard, made the run of a lifetime to win gold. NBC had to cut away from figure skating and explain ... awkwardly.



Veith

WHAT TO WATCH TONIGHT

KNBC-TV, Channel 4  
Prime-time coverage today includes ice dance competition, women's speedskating, two-man bobsled, women's halfpipe freestyle skiing and men's cross country. Read more on the Dutch domination of speedskating and why South Korea's Lee Sang-hwa intends to crash that party on the podium. **SPORTS**

THE MEDAL LEADERS

				TOTAL
NORWAY	7	8	7	22
GERMANY	9	4	4	17
CANADA	5	5	5	15
NETH.	6	5	2	13
USA	5	2	2	9

EDITOR'S NOTE

Local news up front, new features in Spotlight

We've made some changes in the paper that we hope you will like. To begin with, we're giving our local news coverage more prominence by bringing it into our main news section.

Our exclusive local reporting — the most important part of the newspaper — deserves top billing in our A section vs. relegating it to a secondary B section. You'll find the top local stories in the front section of the newspaper, with a local news report that begins on A3.

Today, the Register debuts expanded puzzle and columns pages inside the Spotlight section. In addition to features such as the New York Times Crossword and Dear Abby, the two pages will include the Universal Crossword, the TV Crossword, Jumble and Sudoku. Marla Jo Fisher's Frumpy Middle-Aged Mom column also will appear with these features.

We're always glad to hear from our readers. Please let us know what you think by writing to us at [feedback@scng.com](mailto:feedback@scng.com).

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INVESTIGATION

USA SWIMMING IGNORED CULTURE OF SEXUAL ABUSE



DOUG BENC — GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO

According to documents obtained by the Southern California News Group, top USA Swimming executives, board members, officials and coaches acknowledge that they were aware of predatory coaches for years, in some cases decades, but did not take action against them.

For decades, the organization repeatedly ignored chances to stop coaches and others in positions of power from molesting underage swimmers



AP FILE PHOTO

Former USA Swimming executive director Chuck Wielgus in 2012.

*Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series on the culture of abuse at USA Swimming.*

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For decades the sexual abuse of young athletes by their coaches lingered just beneath the surface in American swimming's other-wise enriching waters.

In 2005, USA Swimming president Ron Van Pool decided it was time to bring the issue to the surface.

Giving his annual State of Swimming address, Van Pool pushed for a more aggressive approach within the sport to taking on sexual abuse.

"USA Swimming is frightfully behind the curve in this process, and there are those who would have us continue to

lag," Van Pool said.

The speech, however, didn't make much of an impression with Chuck Wielgus, then in his eighth year as USA Swimming's executive director.

"There was nothing that struck me," Wielgus said later in a deposition.

Van Pool's warning certainly failed to spark a sense of urgency with Wielgus, the man in

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CALIFORNIA DREAM PROJECT

How attainable are our Golden State goals today?

**By Matt Levin » CALmatters**

**SACRAMENTO »** No one has the exact same definition of the California dream. Ask the 39 million Californians about the dream, and aside from most agreeing that the daily temperature should not dip lower than the mid-50s, you likely will get 39 million different answers.

But the so-called Golden Era of California — that faded Technicolor image of a magical time in the 1960s when, as soon as you crossed the state line, Ronald Reagan would hand-deliver a two-story house, 2.5 children and tiki-themed patio furniture — still seeps into our expectations of life here.

The reality today could not be further

*Editor's note: This is the first installment of the California Dream project, created by a statewide nonprofit media collaboration focused on issues of economic opportunity, quality of life, and the future of the California dream. Partner organizations include CALmatters, Capital Public Radio, KPBS, KPCC-FM and KQED, with support provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the James Irvine Foundation.*

from that stereotype.

Many residents believe achieving the California dream is harder than it used

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DEAN MUSGROVE — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Part of the California dream has always been homeownership, but it has become increasingly unattainable over the decades.

'WHY WOULD ANYBODY CARE?'

Pregnancy pioneer: She had twins at 53

While her age mattered little to her, the math stirred the masses

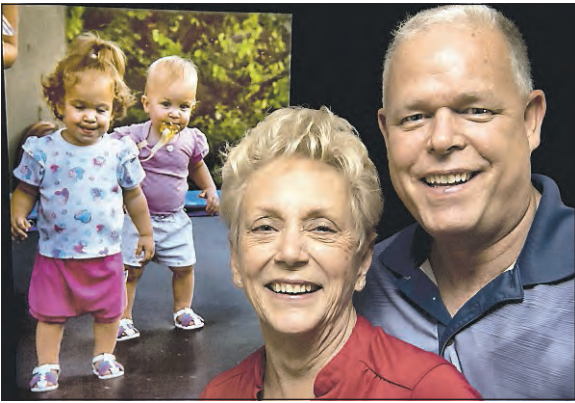
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She laughs when her husband says, "She is so old ... she babysat Abraham Lincoln."

Wait, there's a better one, her husband says, before recounting the time a relative told his wife: "You're not a cougar. You're a saber-toothed tiger."

"Can I flip him off?" she asks, jokingly threatening to use her middle finger, referring to her husband.

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MINDY SCHAUER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mary and Don Shearing made news a quarter-century ago when Mary gave birth to twins at age 53. The girls, Kelly and Amy, are pictured behind them at about age 2.

GUN CONTROL

Anti-gun protest spills into streets in Florida city

Thousands of students, parents and neighbors of the Florida high school where 17 people were killed demanded that immediate action be taken on gun control legislation. **NEWS 15**

RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

Trump adviser: Meddling is 'incontrovertible'



The statement by H.R. McMaster stood in contrast to President Donald Trump's oft-repeated claim that Russian interference in his election victory was a hoax. **NEWS 21**